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Universities offer college graduates transfer credits

By Bruce Manion

Conestoga graduates who decide to attend a university after receiving a college diploma can use their diplomas to get transfer credits at various universities in the area, exempting them from the full load of university courses.

However, each university has different requirements and qualifications depending on the various programs and faculties.

Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo offers five full credits for a two-year diploma, two full credits for a three-year diploma and no credits for a one-year certificate, according to Nancy Weiner, from the office of the registrar at WLU. "These full credits can be used for a related three-year degree requiring 15 full credits, so, in effect, a three-year diploma will cut a year off of a degree," said Weiner.

For transferring into WLU, students with one year of college must maintain an 80 per cent average, while students with two or more years of college must maintain a 70 per cent average, said Weiner.

At the University of Guelph, a two-year diploma will give the college graduate six credits towards a 30-credit degree — or 40-credit honors degree — and a three-year diploma, excluding work-terms, will give the college graduate 15 credits, said Janette Hogan, bachelor of arts administrator at the University of Guelph. College students must maintain a 75 per cent average to be admitted.

The University of Waterloo has a much more complex system of transferable credits for college students, due to the many co-op programs offered at the university, according to Gary Buckley, administrator for the faculty of science and engineering at UW. "College students are evaluated on an individual basis. Students must fill out personal data forms containing their educational background and related work experience," said Buckley.

The evaluation is then done by the faculty of the program being applied for and the decision is based on each student's potential for success and transferable credits are given out on a trial and error basis, said Buckley.

At McMaster University in Hamilton, graduates who maintain a 72 to 73 per cent average in a three-year college diploma qualify for up to 5 credits out of a three-year degree of 15 credits or a four-year honors degree of 40 credits, according to Judy Graham, from the office of the registrar at McMaster.

In many of the science and engineering programs, two math and two science OACs are still required.

Weiner said in many cases, college graduates have a jump on high school students just entering university. "Students who have completed college have learned independence. They have career direction when they come into university with experience in their related field."



HORSING AROUND — Roger Priest of Rockton exercises King (left) and Kelly May 12, in preparation for the tourist season at Doon Heritage Crossroads. The horses pull wagons and sleighs at Priest's ranch in the off-season.

(Photo By Barbara Walden)

College council member says body should serve as watchdog

By Blake Ellis

College President John Tibbets said he thinks next year will be difficult, but he remains optimistic, during the 1996-97 college council orientation meeting May 13.

Ann Fraser, who is replacing June Dahmer as the representative for health science, said she wants to make the council more visible among the faculty.

Fraser, who teaches medical surgical nursing, said she is a "bleeding heart when it involves the students."

The council took some suggestions for agenda items for the coming year. Peter Findlay, representing the school of technology, said computer access for the col-

lege has to be a top priority. He said there is a high need for access, but it also has a high cost.

He also suggested the cost of down-sizing should be looked at closely. The council should become a "watchdog" to make sure quality of education doesn't suffer.

Findlay suggested these issues become monthly items on the agenda so the council can review them regularly.

In other business, Mark Bramer, representing the school of technology said he had received a concern from a third-year construction-engineering student about being kicked out of a computer lab by a security guard because she was making up her résumé.

Bramer said students are not allowed to run off résumés because they were using too much paper.

He said students are offered a \$25 service but they like to do it themselves to save money.

He noted the student had brought in her own paper to use, but the security guard was just doing his job and asked her to leave.

Tibbets said they should let them make up and modify their résumés and print off a copy to see how it looks.

John Scott, representing the school of business, said the rule was put in place because students were not just printing résumés but advertisements for businesses.

Students fearing assistance cuts

By Blake Ellis

Joan Magazine, representative of academic support and student services, said many students who are affected by the provincial government's recent plan to cut post-secondary students off of social assistance are worried about having to give up their hopes for a post-secondary education at a May 13 college council meeting.

Conestoga College's president, John Tibbets, said about 400 of the college's students could be affected by the government's move.

Tibbets said the Council of Presidents was upset with the government because of the lack of conciliation the govern-

ment had with college presidents in making the decision.

Also, he said the presidents' council was annoyed because they read about the proposal in the newspapers, just like the rest of the public.

Magazine said many students are concerned about the government's response to loan forgiveness. "Students fear the government's promises don't hold much water."

Many wonder if the rules can be made, what also stops them from breaking them, she said. These uncertainties might stop some students from continuing on with their studies.

Magazine also noted OSAP doesn't have a dental or medical plan like social

assistance does and many students rely on this service because they may have children to take care of.

She expressed her concern with the bureaucracy of OSAP, saying the OSAP forms are not in yet.

Also, if OSAP is late at the beginning of the school year, it could cause some serious problems for students because they may not have the money to pay the rent for September, or buy books, she said.

She said students wouldn't be getting steady payments like they do from social services.

Tibbets suggested Magazine give a report at the next board of governors meeting on the impact of the cuts.

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Woodworking students build reputation for Conestoga

By Amanda Steffler

The Waterloo regional police department and Scouts Canada have asked Conestoga College woodworking students to design and build projects for police headquarters and Waterloo district scout headquarters.

Four, third-year students are in charge of the managerial side of the projects and about 22 second-year students, who have recently returned from their work terms, are in charge of the actual building of the projects.

Allan Sparling, a faculty member of the Woodworking Centre of Ontario, said drawings of both projects have been approved.

"The Waterloo regional police were here today to thank the students for their efforts so far," said Sparling. "They have already done a lot of work on the projects."

The project being assembled for the Waterloo regional police is a display cabinet. The cabinet will be used to display police memorabilia for public viewing.

The Scouts Canada project is a library or multi-media

resource centre which will be used for the training of new adult leaders.

The Waterloo regional police and Scouts Canada are covering all of the material costs for their individual projects. There is no cost for the college.

The students will be working on the projects every Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. On Mondays the students work on the police project and on Tuesday they work on the scout project.

For each project, the students will be working three hours a week, for 16 weeks.

Sparling said this gives them the ability to build something meaningful. He also said the students have volunteered to spend extra time on the projects over and above what the course requires.

"I was quite impressed," said Sparling. "We've had 100 per cent co-operation with the projects. They (the students) are really trying."

Production of the projects started on May 13 and 14.

Sparling said they both should be finished and installed by the end of July or the beginning of August.

Open house honors counsellor

By Jennifer Broomhead

After 31 years of teaching and counselling at Conestoga College, Bob King is leaving the building.

King is retiring from his job as a counsellor with student services. On Friday, May 10, his colleagues in the student services office held an open house and buffet to honor his contributions to the college and to say goodbye.

At least 100 guests dropped by, including family, colleagues and friends, to offer their congratulations, share a memory with King, and take a look at the photographs decorating the walls.

King has taught upgrading courses and English as a Second Language (ESL), but spent the majority of his career — 28 years — as a counsellor. He has worked at nearly all Conestoga campuses, specifically Doon, Waterloo, Cambridge and Guelph.

King said the highlight of his career with student services has been counselling and helping students.

"I've helped an awful lot of students all these years," he said.

The best thing about being a counsellor, he said, has been talking with former students he has helped and seeing how they have succeeded in their endeavors after college. "That's the highlight of it all."

King will miss the people he works with at the college the most, he said. "They're a great group of people."



Bob King and his wife, Joani, look forward to his retirement after 31 years at Conestoga.

(Photo by Jen Broomhead)

evenings and doing some private tutoring.

He and his wife, Joani, plan to spend some of the winter months in Myrtle Beach, N.C.

They'll be travelling there in mid-January, he said, and returning in mid-February. If they enjoy themselves, King said, they will spend more time there the following year.

Extra special Mother's Day gift received by OSAID raffle winner

By Janet White

A Toronto woman received a Mother's Day present she will never forget when her 18-year-old daughter sold her the winning ticket in the May 10 draw for a Nissan 200 SX SE.

The draw, held at Cambridge Nissan, was the end result of a provincial fund-raising campaign launched by Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAID).

Nicki Waugh, 50, received the good news on her answering machine after returning home from shopping. She said her first reaction was disbelief. "It was like listening to a newscast or something; it takes a while for it to sink in. It's extremely exciting because I've never won anything."

Waugh's daughter, Tracy, will receive \$1,000 for selling the winning ticket.

Waugh said although she would love to keep the \$24,000 car, she plans to sell the car to finance some much needed home improvements.

Greg Burns, a Conestoga College recreation leadership program teacher and OSAID board member, organized and implemented the province-wide fund-raiser. Burns said this is the second year Nissan, OSAID, and the Waterloo regional police have pooled efforts to raise money for the prevention of impaired driving.

A total of 15,730 tickets were sold for \$3 each in high schools and colleges across the province. The money raised will help run the

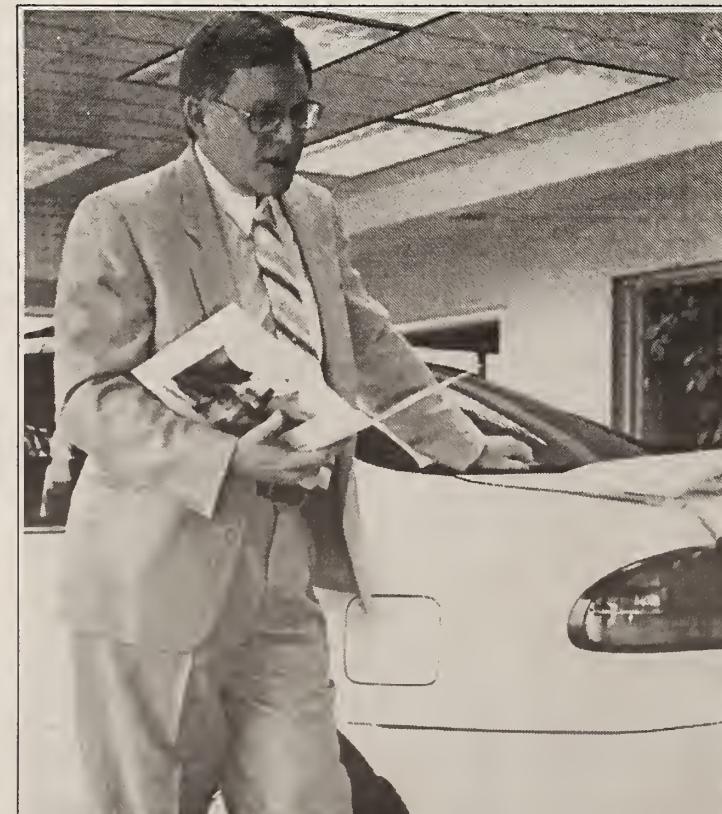
charity, aid in the production of OSAID posters and fund various events such as mock car-crashes and speakers.

Burns said the success of the campaign was the result of the generosity and effort of those involved.

He specifically thanked Nissan representative Wayne Bass for "being a champion for the cause." Burns said six students in

Conestoga's recreation leadership program were heavily involved in running the campaign from the Conestoga headquarters.

Deputy Chief Roger Hollingsworth of the Waterloo regional police, who attended the draw, said police involvement in OSAID events has always been rewarding. "If we can help one person (with these campaigns) it will have been worthwhile."



Recreation leadership instructor Greg Burns organized OSAID's provincial fund-raising campaign.

(Photo by Janet White)

OSAP office quiet in summer months

Only three programs running through the current semester

By Jason Seads

While a few OSAP documents were handed out for the summer term, the registrar's office was not nearly as busy as it is in the fall or winter.

"Everything took about a week," said financial aid officer Carol Walsh. "There are only robotics and automation, journalism and woodworking co-op students collecting OSAP for the summer." Only woodworking students who took the co-op option go full-time through the summers.

Unless they are going on a workterm, any student in woodworking or robotics would collect OSAP if they were eligible.

But not all journalism students get an installment for the summer, said Walsh. "There are only two installments per year now, even for students who go to school year round."

Which means, for journalism students, unless they have a job, they go eight months without any income.

Woodworking and robotics students don't collect OSAP for the months during their workterm because they earn money from their placements. They get OSAP for the other two semesters each year they are in school.

"We used to split the Ontario

portion of the loan, if there was one, into three semesters," said Walsh. "At the time, the Ontario government only gave out grants while the federal government gave out loans.

That all changed in 1993, when the Ontario government stopped giving out grants and switched to loans.

Brenda Lukawy, who works in public relations at the OSAP head office in Thunder Bay, said that if a student's needs, which are assessed by OSAP officials, are not met by federal loans, Ontario would kick in the rest.

Federal loans cannot exceed about \$5,500, while provincial loans stop at around \$3,000 for a regular eight-month school year. If a student received \$5,000 or less, there would be second or third installment, because the federal government gives all money up front.

"In many cases, there wasn't much the provincial government needed to kick in," said Walsh. "It wasn't worth it to split the provincial loan three ways, we won't process a document for less than \$100."

Walsh said the reason the province splits its loan between September and January is to double check the student's summer earnings. "If they made too much or too little, we can adjust the January loan."

College to host provincial Skills Canada 1997

By Peter Marval

Conestoga College will host the provincial Skills Canada competition when it comes to Kitchener in May 1997.

Gail Smyth, community liaisons officer for Conestoga College and chair of the organizing committee for the Kitchener provincial Skills Canada said the event will take place at the Kitchener Auditorium on May 5 and 6.

She estimates that upwards of about 12,000 people from across the province are expected to compete at the event.

The 1996 competition took place in Hamilton this year and was hosted by Mohawk College.

Skills Canada is a national pro-

gram combining student technical problem-solving skills with self-presentation skills.

Its aim is to highlight and promote the importance of technical education, while encouraging the development of self-confidence in participants.

Skills Canada is funded by private business and government.

Smyth said most of the 35 competitions will take place at the auditorium, but some would require the facilities that Conestoga has.

She said Conestoga would benefit a great deal



Gail Smythe, Conestoga College's community liaison officer.

(Photo by Peter Marval)

from hosting the event by bringing the best students from across Ontario to the college.

"The more people that come to the college, the more likely they will want to enrol here," she said.

Also corresponding with the provincial Skills Canada competition is a trade fair, which will allow different companies to display what they have to offer.

Seven Conestoga College students competed in Hamilton's provincial Skills Canada this year.

Smyth said she hoped that more Conestoga students would be involved next

year because of the proximity of the event.

Of the seven that competed this year in Hamilton, six took home medals and four went on to the nationals held in Montreal.

James Matthews won a gold medal in residential wiring at Montreal and Chris Charman won a bronze medal in carpentry.

However, neither can advance to the world competition, scheduled for July 1997 in Switzerland because Matthews is above the maximum age requirement and only gold medal winners can advance.

"It looks as if the college will have to wait until next year to see if it will be represented at the world competition," said Smyth.

Effective board of governors key to college success, says faculty advisor

By Deborah Everest-Hill

Conestoga College is one of the top five colleges in the province because of efficient management and the effectiveness of past and present boards, says the new faculty advisor for the board of governors.

Bob Wall said the college is financially stable partly because of the success of the board of governors and the different perspectives each member brings to it.

As the recently elected faculty advisor, Wall will contribute his

10 years of experience as a college employee, teaching general electives.

He will begin his three-year term on the board in September.

Wall said his involvement in key committees has given him the experience to know the difference between how things work and how they should work.

He initiated a committee to design the employee handbook and he served on a policies and procedures committee.

"I think I have the experience to separate the wheat from the chaff."

Wall said the position is a labor of love because he won't get any time off or any extras for the work he puts in.

Despite its importance to the college, Wall said the position of faculty advisor is not well advertised.

Once people find out which faculty members are running, a number of interested people usually drop out of the race, he said.

As faculty advisor, Wall said his primary concern will be the quality of education received at the college.

He said talk of the college's plan

to move ahead with alternative curriculum delivery and self-directed learning is surrounded by buzz words and myths.

As a member of the board of governors, Wall hopes to represent what is best for the college from the faculty's perspective.

He said the board's members reflect industry and special-interest groups, and that's the way it should be.

He said he and Julie Donnelly, the new student representative, can provide these members with an accurate, day-to-day perspective of the quality of education provided at the college.

Wall said the board is comprised of people from different vantage points that provide different perspectives.

The board's purpose is effective policy creation. He said that too often college executives make financial decisions before asking what? where? and how?

Instead, he said, the college and the board of governors needs to consider its long-range plan and how this plan affects the overall quality of education.

Expert demonstrates shotgun to jury at Foreman trial

By Patrick Moore

In a Hamilton courtroom on Thursday it took just under 10 seconds for a firearms expert to discharge six facsimile shotgun shells from the shotgun that was used to kill Joan Heimbecker.

Sam Barbetta was testifying in the Rory Foreman first-degree murder trial.

Barbetta, a firearms expert from Toronto's Centre for Forensic Sciences, demonstrated how the shotgun could have been used to fire several rounds in very little time. He used dummy rounds for his demonstration.

Foreman, a former Conestoga nursing student, is on trial for the murder of Heimbecker at McMaster University, March 30, 1994.

Barbetta told the court the

maximum distance the shot could have been fired from is 14 feet.

"I am convinced they were fired from considerably closer than 14 feet," he said.

He said the shells used in the shotgun were Winchester shells, the type used to shoot pheasant or skeets.

Each shell propels over 350 metal pellets from the barrel of the gun, said Barbetta, and would expand as the pellets travelled further and further away from the barrel.

Barbetta testified the shotgun had been modified to hold six shells instead of the usual five, and had about 30 centimetres cut off its barrel and end.

Barbetta suggested the only reasons for cutting a gun down in such a manner are increased manoeuvrability and to make it

easier to conceal.

Despite being cut down, the weapon was in full functioning order and could not have gone off accidentally, he added.

"There is no malfunction. It needs more pressure on the trigger to discharge this gun," said Barbetta.

Assistant Crown Attorney Alexandra Paparella showed Barbetta several live shells that were recovered from behind a school in Dundas.

Barbetta said the shells were the same size and shape as the shells recovered from the Heimbecker murder scene.

Foreman already pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of Heimbecker, a graduate student at Wilfred Laurier University.

The prosecution refused to accept the plea.



COOKING UP A STORM - Jen Dam, a Condor Roost employee, barbecues sausages outside the recreation centre May 11.

(Photo by Jason Romano)

Training and development shares interactive experience

By Robert Klager

Many at Conestoga College never get past the registrar's office when they enter the Student Client Services Building on campus, but a short trip up the stairs to the second floor could open up a whole new world of interactive training and study.

Inside Conestoga's training and development facility is an interactive training centre (ITC) that provides unique, self-centred methods for a wide range of study.

Much like proposed alternative

delivery methods, interactive training utilizes a variety of technologies working in conjunction with computers, to deliver a course.

The full multi-media facilities at the ITC incorporate laser discs, linear videos, compact discs and computer disks in the delivery of courses to a wide range of students.

Judy Campbell, facilitator for Doon's ITC, organizes training sessions and lab-time scheduling for the centre's many users.

In a recent interview, she said

industrial training courses used to involve the majority of students using the labs, but now there is an increasing number of people studying the Microsoft Office suite, working towards a Microcomputer Applications Certificate.

In keeping with the versatility evident in much of the training and development environment, the ITC provides individualized training for employees of local businesses, new Canadians, college students or anyone else in the community interested in a course.

"The work stations and programs are very user-friendly, with much of the course-ware providing tutorial assistance throughout," said Campbell. "The interaction the computer requires from the user in these courses provides a true learning experience."

The ITC has a library consisting of over 100 courses of study, from computer basics and operating systems to interpersonal skills and industrial technology.

The department can access more course-ware from suppliers when demand warrants it.

"Many students in full-time programs don't realize they can use this facility themselves," said Campbell.

"The courses are great for personal interest or for credit towards certification," she said.

Course fees range from \$99 to \$250, while durations vary.

One benefit Campbell noted was the flexibility of scheduling. The ITC labs have flexible hours enabling students to work at convenient and individual paces.

For more information or a course listing, contact the ITC.

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Renegade Reform MP
refreshing voice of wisdom

When Reform Party Leader Preston Manning temporarily suspended MP and party whip Bob Ringma for suggesting it was acceptable to fire blacks or homosexuals if bigoted customers found them offensive, Canadians could harbor hopes for a racism-free future.

When Manning suspended MP Dave Chatters for suggesting it was acceptable for Christian schools to fire gay employees, Canadians could breathe a sigh of relief that intolerance would not be tolerated.

But when Manning suspended MP Jan Brown for suggesting some Reform members were too extreme in their beliefs and proposals, Canadians could only wonder what kind of mixed message Manning was presenting.

Bill C-33, Justice Minister Allan Rock's gay rights legislation which simply adds sexual orientation to the Canadian Human Rights Act and outlaws discrimination against homosexuals, passed easily last week. The House voted 153-76 in favor of the bill, despite vehement and persistent opposition which included full-page ads from the Coalition of Concerned Canadians in three different newspapers, including the *Globe and Mail*, declaring the bill "threatens the institutions of marriage and the family."

The bill passed despite assertions from Reform MP and doctor Grant Hill, that Bill C-33 will "encourage a lifestyle that spreads disease . . . and lead to pedophilia."

The bill passed despite cries from both the conservative group, REAL Women, and some Liberal MPs that it "will affect the family, the definition of marriage and our religious freedoms."

These groups and individuals are fixated on a future which they envision as overrun and overpopulated by same-sex couples who can adopt children, claim medical and financial benefits, and work and live contentedly and peacefully in a community untainted by racism and bigotry. In short, relish the rights and freedoms most heterosexual members of society take for granted now.

Manning's party seems to have cast aside the most important issues in society today, such as jobs and pensions, to wallow in matters of fundamental rights and freedoms which should be a given, not a concession.

Jan Brown's voice of wisdom has risen above the entanglement of Reform policies to state the obvious: Manning has not adequately handled some of the members' extreme and bigoted views. Her "punishment" was a temporary suspension from the Reform caucus, from which she ultimately resigned to sit as an Independent in Commons.

Brown would be a welcome addition to any party working to create a more tolerant, intelligent and understanding society.



Bridging the gap in black and white

By Diane Santos



Recently, I have come to the conclusion that an articulate conversation amongst people, regarding issues that everyone disagrees on, are in truth, conversations that should not take place among friends, family and even co-workers.

Some people consider their home a safe haven away from the everyday trials and tribulations of this unfair and unjust society in which we live, but it seems at times fundamental rights such as freedom of expression, whether it be knowledgeable or not, is a freedom that is taken away when dealing with the demons of the world . . . in other words, the generation gap between child and parent.

Some parents were raised to believe that blacks were evil, natives were takers, people from the United States are rude and that homosexuality was a sin against everyone's god.

Although at times, family members and friends have been known to be abrasive and repugnant, deep down you want to believe they have a heart.

At the age of four, my great-grandmother used to sit me on the front porch and point to black people and tell me they were bad. For a long time, I held what she thought in high regard, but then I learned to think for myself, and eventually was successful in changing her views somewhat before she

died. My father, on the other hand, took much more work than I had ever anticipated would be needed, but eventually learned the difference between what is on the inside and what is on the outside.

There are those who are opposed to homosexuality. The year is 1996, and although society has come a great distance on this beaten and worn out dirt road, one would think we could have high hopes to prosper and get along going into the year 2000.

But in truth, I do not see the next four years differing a whole lot from the constant snide remarks, the consistent taking from one another and the turbulence of ever-changing head-games from friends, government and family.

I have an average family, that like others, has its share of problems, and I will continue to do my best to explain my opinions to them and my friends in the hope they'll see the equality that I see. Admittedly so, I too, can at times be racist towards people who are not like me, but I try to make a conscious effort to accept everyone.

Considering God is the one thing most people revert to in their arguments, whether it be for or against different races, maybe one day, we can all do the one thing the Bible says He wanted . . . come together as one and live peacefully.

Maybe those people who need to find fault with something, but then go back to their holier-than-thou lifestyle, should truly read the good word as it is, in black and white together on one page.

Herons and other signs of spring

By Tara Brown



Every year I make myself the promise that this is the year I will watch and wait and be able to pinpoint the exact moment when winter gives up its hold on nature and spring settles in. It goes pretty much the same every year. I grumble and stamp my feet through January, February and March and then, on a day usually sometime in the middle of April, I wake up and hear birds already singing and see some crocus already blooming and I know that I missed it.

This year I was given a little extra time because winter was so long staying in southern Ontario. I was given until May this year, but even so, my annual pattern was repeated and spring somehow managed to slip by me like a river around a rock.

The point was driven home on the very first nice Monday I think we've had. It was the first day one could have wandered outside without the benefit of a jacket and not be thought deficient by the neighbors. A blue heron stood calmly on the edge of the Speed river just before it crosses the line into Riverside Park.

This bird spends its winters, like other fair-

weather Canadians, in more southern climes. To see one unexpectedly, frankly, was unwelcome. He had not given me the chance to anticipate his arrival. It was like those relatives, though loved dearly, that never call before they come but just "drop by" without enough notice to let their hosts do the preliminary sweep of the house. I wasn't ready for his arrival and the sure knowledge that once more spring had arrived despite my best efforts to pin her down.

It took me a bit to realize that naturally, spring will not be stuffed into one human being's conception of a moment. In spite of all my efforts to regiment, to wait, to discover and to intrude on the gentle awakenings of the world around, it came in its own time, in its own fashion and I had nothing to do with it.

It's a little disconcerting to realize again how insignificant my personal contribution is to the processes of nature. So many human beings have an inflated notion of the impact they have on the world around them. The heron, not moving in the water weeds, had only the deepest lack of regard for my presence there. He stood surrounded by his personal environment of choice and told me clearer than words could ever be that although I was peripheral, I was more than welcome to enjoy.



COMMENTARY

The future looks bright?

By Jason Romanko

The last couple of weeks have been somewhat of a state of depression for me, for a number of reasons.

The last event I considered a good time was packing up my apartment and moving, meanwhile I was preparing for yet another summer semester of school. If this statement doesn't have you worried about my depressed state, wait, it gets worse.

As friends of mine graduate from various scholastic institutions, they develop a nasty habit that I can only describe as obscene. They are finding work, and by work, I mean careers, well-paying careers and in some cases very-well-paying careers.

An example, that absolutely destroys me, is a girl I went to high school with and have kept in contact with during her university years. She has just obtained a job in accounting for a rather large mining company in Northern Ontario. The starting salary, drum roll, \$56,000 a year.

Now I am not usually an emotional man, but upon hearing the "great" news, I broke down and cried like a baby with a diaper full of *!#%.

I am happy for her, I really am, but at the same time I am disturbed about my progress in the area of actually doing something with my life.

I can't stay in school forever, although it might look (to people I know) like I am trying to. I fear upon graduation, I will be penniless and unable to find work in my field. A common occurrence among graduates I am sure, but that doesn't lighten the load any.

Perhaps the awakening I have received from my peers will light a small fire under me and get me motivated to find a decent job.

With that behind me, I received more good news in the form of a letter from my bank. I can describe that only as traumatic, self-inflicted trauma that I hoped would all become painless after I graduated, something that validated my reasoning at the time.

The letter is a bank statement displaying how much I owe to the provincial and federal governments, respectively, for monies I received as a result of my student loans.

The sum seems awfully high; I have nothing I can hold or touch to show for the money in that letter. What I do have is a self-diagnosed ulcer from thinking about how I am going to pay the money back to the bank.

Horror stories like \$400 a month payments do not make the pain in my chest go away. I just can't imagine making enough money to cover that amount and actually live at the same time.

Maybe everything will work out and I will find the job of my dreams, making enough money that the payment every month won't even phase me. Ya right.



Baseball fans miss strikeouts

By Barbara Walden

Steerieke three! You're outta here!

It's a sound that's become a distant memory in many major-league ballparks this season. It's been replaced by the sound of bats cracking out homer after homer during the first six weeks of the 1996 season.

A sports fan reading April's scores in the newspaper would have to look twice to ensure she's not reading the stats for the local old-timer's slo-pitch league (or maybe she is!). April's scores, including Minnesota's 24-11 shellacking of the Tigers, the 26-7 bombing the Rangers handed the Orioles, or the Expos pasting the Rockies 21-9, might even be confused with an early start to the football season.

Watered-down pitching and a strike zone that barely covers a ball player's beer belly, appear to be the causes of this offensive explosion.

In an effort to bolster their bullpens, major league managers are supplementing the pensions of too many washed-up pitchers by keeping them around long after they should have retired to Kevin Costner's Field of Dreams.

The Blue Jay's Frank Viola should probably be on that roster. Viola was the starter in the Jay's 17-3 embarrassment at the hands of the Indians last month. After spending the last two seasons recover-



ing from an elbow injury, Viola doesn't belong in the bigs tossing beach balls.

Even former greats like Jack Morris and Darryl Strawberry have seen the light and are playing out their baseball fantasies on Double A fields.

Managers have become too quick to pull a starter who may be in control of the game, but has a 100-pitch count.

When's the last time you've seen a pitcher throw a complete game? No wonder fans leave the ballpark after seven innings. Who wants to spend an extra half-hour watching relievers, set-up men and closers warm up, throw a few pitches and then leave the game?

Enlarging the strike zone into something the man on the mound can even see from 60 feet away would force batters to become real hitters, as in days of old. If a hitter then beats Roger Maris's 61 homers in '61, he would be entitled to the record.

It's time for the majors to get back to quality in baseball.

Let's hope it happens before fans will have to watch another 22 watered-down pitchers added to the game when two more expansion teams come into the league in a couple of years.

The best thing that could happen to baseball would be a pitcher who can equal Denny McLain's 31-game winning season for the Tigers way back in '68. If you weren't even born then, just talk to someone who was. Now that was baseball!

Marching to a different beat

By T.L. Huffman



Saturday night. Not too long ago, Saturday nights were reserved for parties: birthday parties, costume parties, high school dances. For me, those days are long gone. Instead, Saturday nights mean stag and does, baby showers and oh yes, weddings.

As my friends and I moved through high school, and as "significant others" came and went, it was difficult to imagine the day when one of us would walk down the aisle. Suddenly, that day is here.

When I first left home for school, I heard of some acquaintances who had married. Not too many surprises, most of them were high school sweethearts. Never were they close friends. Never did I think about it all that much.

But this summer, my first close friend is tying the knot, and I'm learning quickly that preparing for a wedding is nothing like preparing for the high school prom.

I was asked to be a bridesmaid, which I consider an

honor, but at the time, I really had no idea what I was getting into.

Flowers, dresses, food, music, shoes, invitations and cake, all seem to be the topic of every conversation between my future-married friend and I. Who would of thought I would be helping my friend decide whose name should be first on the matchbooks?

I have three weddings to attend this summer, all of which involve people close to my age. Also, I have seven showers, dress fittings, and most likely, an engagement party or two to attend. I've been told this is the beginning of many summers filled with weddings and their corresponding parties.

Getting married seems like a huge hassle, especially if you are trying to do it traditionally. Not to mention the financial stress it can cause.

Planning a wedding doesn't seem like much fun. It appears to be one huge headache. However, I am happy for my friends choosing to walk down that aisle this summer, no matter how strange it may feel.

I think when I get married, I'll elope and run off to Vegas. It seems that it would be less hassle for everyone. But dad, don't worry, it won't be any time soon.

Students mixed over politicians' promises

By Judith Hemming

Conestoga College students are evenly divided over whether or not politicians should keep campaign promises, if a survey of students in the main cafeteria is any indication.

Out of six students surveyed, three said they expected politicians to keep the promises they made during election campaigns, while three said they did not expect promises to be kept.

The issue has drawn recent attention at both the federal and provincial levels. On May 1, Sheila Copps, deputy prime minister, resigned over the Liberal government's inability to scrap the GST. Copps had made the promise during the 1993 election campaign. She resigned a week after Finance Minister Paul Martin announced the Liberals would not abolish the GST.



Joni Fletcher



Robert Pinnell



Stefania Liko



Brad Gorman



Frank Hall



Amy Ross

On May 7, the provincial government tabled a budget that Premier Mike Harris had staked his resignation on in the 1995 election. He had promised to resign if he was unable to deliver a 30 per cent income tax cut and grant 15 per cent of it the first year. The budget kept Harris's promise.

Joni Fletcher, a second-year nursing student, said politicians should keep campaign promises. "They're becoming politicians

to support us and to provide a future for us, so if they're going to make promises, they should try to follow through. I know one person can't change everything, but they need to do their part."

Stefania Liko, a third-year nursing student, agreed. "If they say they're going to do something, then they should."

Amy Ross, a journalism student in her first term, said when a politician makes a promise, she expects him or her to keep it.

"But that doesn't mean they're going to."

Frank Hall, a first-term student in the journalism program, said past experience was the reason he did not expect politicians to keep their promises.

Robert Pinnell, a second-year tool and die apprenticeship student, said the only politician he had ever known to be upfront about the issue was Pierre Trudeau when he asked, "Why should I keep my promises?"

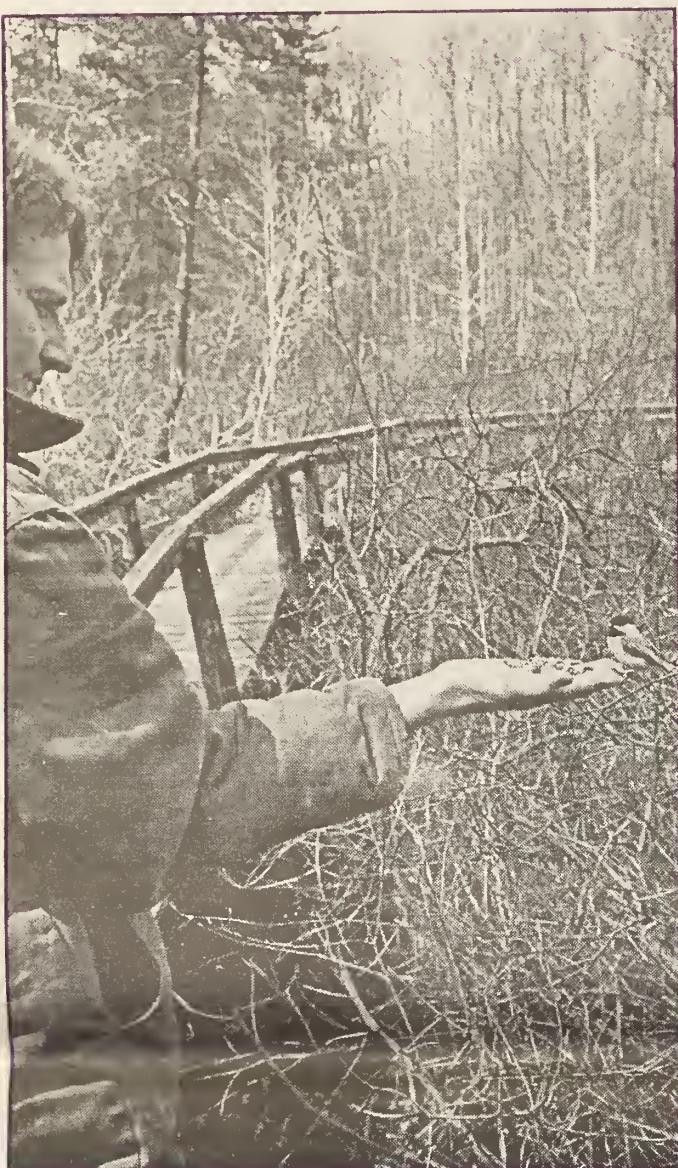
"They're just campaign promises," said Pinnell. "They don't mean anything."

Brad Gorman, also a second-year student in the tool and die apprenticeship program, said it was his general social upbringing that led him to distrust politicians. "Everyone knows politicians are self-serving."

"And corrupt. It's part of the job," Pinnell added. "I mean, let's face it. (At least) criminals are honest."

Summer Fun for Next to Nothing

Local hiking and biking trails plentiful and affordable



Glen Thiessen befriends a chickadee at the F.W.R. Dickson Wildlife Area south of Cambridge.

(Photo by Allison Dempsey)

By Allison Dempsey

If the extended winter weather has you itching to get out and hike, canoe or bicycle, the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo and surrounding regions offer no shortage of affordable outdoor activities for the upcoming summer months, including 11 conservation areas and a 19-kilometre walking trail which extends from Cambridge to Paris on a historic railway.

The Cambridge to Paris "Rail-Trail" is popular for both hikers and cyclists because it is safe, flat and free, said Brenda Armstrong, secretary of operations for the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA). It is also enhanced by the "scenic value of the Grand River, especially in spring when the trees are coming out," said Armstrong.

The trail, which uses the abandoned roadbed of the old Lake Erie and Northern Railway, opened July 24, 1994. It is operated by the GRCA, with major funding provided by the Grand Valley Conservation Foundation. To walk the complete trail one way, or bike it both ways, takes about four hours.

Other popular, and free, walking trails in the area include the Sudden and Dryden tracts, and the F.W.R. Dickson Wildlife Area, where chickadees will eat from hikers' hands along the trail's boardwalk.

Conservation areas funded by the GRCA include Pinehurst Lake Conservation Area, located south of Cambridge, Laurel Creek in Waterloo, and the Elora Gorge, which is GRCA's most popular conservation area during the summer months. Each area charges affordable camping fees.

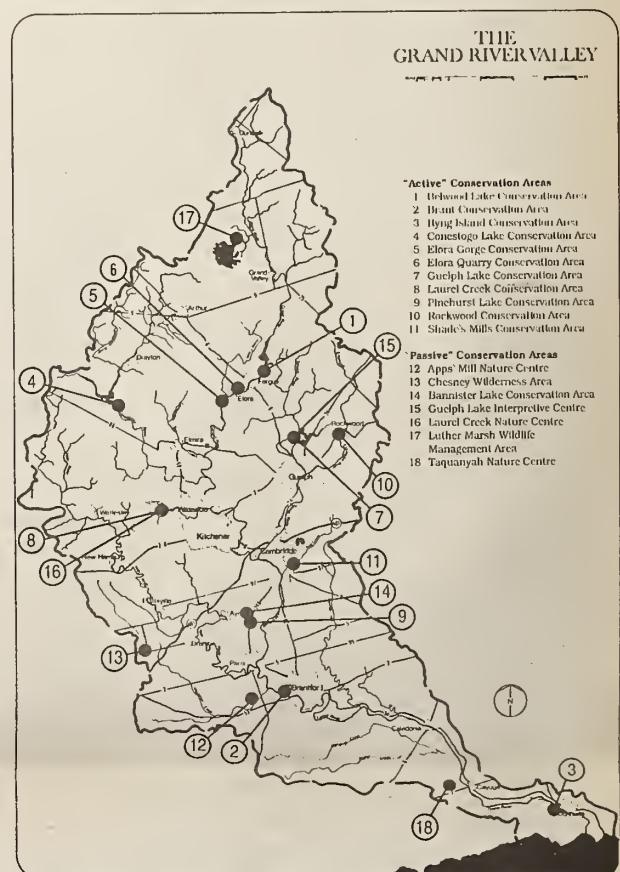
Another popular path is the Cambridge Heritage Trail, which runs along the riverbank of the Grand River, from the north to the south end of Cambridge. "You can walk, bike, or canoe it," said Bob McMullen, chairman of the Riverbend development advisory committee. "There are lots of forested and migratory-bird areas, fishing, and free raspberries, when the weather is good."

McMullin, a sociology teacher at Preston high

school, organizes four walks a year on the trail, one of which attracted 650 participants last year. The membership is supported by donation, and t-shirts, buttons and newsletters are available for a small fee.

The next hike is scheduled for August, to be held on a Saturday during the Can-Amara games, hosted this year by Cambridge. "We like to involve the participants from Michigan," said McMullen.

Two more walks will be held in October, one in Hespeler, and one in Galt, both free of charge.



The Grand River Valley Conservation Authority offers ample opportunity for hiking and biking during the summer.

(Map courtesy of the Grand River Conservation Authority)

Culture can be fun and inexpensive

By Amy Wroblewski

Culture in the Kitchener-Waterloo area doesn't have to be boring or expensive. There are plenty of entertaining, inexpensive attractions to take in including the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery and the Seagram Museum.

The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery offers an opportunity to view a wide variety of artwork by artisans from all areas of Canada and to partake in various workshops and educational events.

Unique to this museum is the Gallery Shop located on the main floor of the gallery. A selection of works displayed by each artist can be pur-

chased at reasonable prices and can't easily be found elsewhere.

This summer, exhibitions will feature Canadian artists working in glass and enamel.

From June 2 – Sept. 2, the Glass Art Association of Canada will exhibit Where's the Content/Context and will feature the works of 26 artists.

Also featured this summer will be V6: Hot Off the Coast from June 2 – Sept. 2, highlighting recent works by six Vancouver glass artists.

Finally, the gallery will host Enamels by Perkins: A 30-year retrospective of the work of A. Alan Perkins also from June 2 – Sept. 2.

Exhibitions and the Gallery Shop are open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday and selected holidays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. There is plenty of free parking behind the gallery which is wheelchair accessible. Admission to the gallery is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and children.

The gallery is located at 25 Caroline St. N. Waterloo. For more information call 746-1882.

The Seagram Museum located at 57 Erb St. W. Waterloo (beside the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery) will also host a variety of exhibitions and special events.

The Seagram Museum is located in what was the barrel warehouse of Seagram's Distillery and illustrates the history of spirits and wine-making through a self-guided tour.

Continuing from May 17 – Aug. 18, the Absolut Art exhibition will be on display on the second floor of the museum.

June 29 and July 1, the museum will feature Back to the Old Grindstone, and Sept. 28 and 29, Seagram's will host the Grape and Grain Harvest Festival.

Parking and admission to the museum are free. The museum is open year round. For more information call 885-1857 ext. 16.



The Seagram's Museum in Waterloo displays artifacts, presentations and artworks on how wine and spirits were made.

(Photo by Amy Wroblewski)

Ayr planning first community day

By Tara Brown

The Ayr Business Improvement Association is organizing Ayr's first community day for June 1.

Ted Wroblewski, president of the BIA, said that besides his organization, the event was being sponsored by the Ayr fire department and Scouts Canada.

"We're trying to make it a community event so everybody can participate," he said.

The goal of the event is to draw people from other areas into Ayr. "We want to put Ayr on the map," Wroblewski said.

"It's to make out-lying communities aware that Ayr is here."

Events include a dog show behind Knechtels supermarket, a bicycle rodeo at the Farmers Mutual or Horizon Foods, a community garage and craft sale, antique car shows, tours of the town, hot air balloon rides and a firemen's breakfast. The day will conclude with a "massive" fireworks display at the Kinsmen baseball diamond just outside town.

"We're really excited about it," Wroblewski said, "Everybody is really in it hot and heavy."

Planning for the one-day event only began in March but Wroblewski is hoping it will prove a big draw for the town.

"The pork barbecue was the event in town," he said referring to the annual competition which occurs June 7 and 8, "but it didn't seem to draw enough people in for the BIA."

"People don't stop to see what we have here, the many heritage homes, the history and all the varieties of birds," Wroblewski said.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Sunshine Foundation, a home for disabled children in Kitchener.

•Summer Fun for Next to Nothing

Talk with the animals

Waterloo Park's attractions free fun for young and old

By Amanda Steffler

As the summer season swings into high gear, miniature golf courses, amusement parks and water parks all open their doors to welcome the ambitious money-spending public.

But what happens to the non-money-spending public — where do they go for fun?

To Waterloo Park, for an action-packed day filled with free

and inexpensive activities, that's where.

Waterloo Park staff have recently begun preparations for their summer programs, said Paul Banton who has been the lead hand at the park for 25 years. Some of the facilities require a fee of about \$2, but there are still many opportunities to have fun for free.

One of Waterloo Park's main attractions is the zoo. Although

it is small compared to other zoos, such as the African Lion Safari in Cambridge and the Metro Toronto Zoo, Waterloo Park's zoo provides a chance for children and adults of all ages to view all types of animals without paying a fee and travelling long distances.

The park's zoo is full of animals, and at this time of the year, there are many new eagerly anticipated arrivals.



A peacock displays its tail-feathers in a territorial show-down with a fellow peacock that shares its pen.

(Photo by Amanda Steffler)

For 28 years, the zoo has been the home for some white-tailed deer, but this year, park officials have decided to send the white-tailed deer to another zoo and replace them with five English fowler deer. The English fowler deer are smaller and more domestic compared to the white-tailed deer.

Three of the new deer, which are coming from a zoo out west, will be arriving sometime around May 16. The other two English fowler deer, which are coming from a zoo in Barrie, will be arriving a few weeks later.

Banton said the park officials are also negotiating to have some miniature horses brought into the park, but no deal has been finalized as of yet.

Other new arrivals include baby rabbits, sheep, pigs, goats and calves.

"Once it warms up a bit we will be getting three piglets, probably around the first week of June," said Banton. "In the last four weeks, one of the goats gave birth to a female kid."

Banton said the peacocks and chickens are nesting and preparing to lay their eggs.

People are allowed to watch the park staff feed the animals during their feeding time between 8:30 a.m. and noon or weekdays.

Banton said all of the picnic areas are up and running. Baseball tournaments have also started at the park and spectators are always welcome to sit and cheer on the participants of the games.

Banton said the park employees are preparing for their annual Sounds of Summer concert which takes place during the third week of June.



A group of children and their babysitters check out the "mane attraction" in its pen at Waterloo Park. The park offers plenty of free and inexpensive attractions for visitors of all ages.

(Photo by Amanda Steffler)

Stratford home showcase

Interior designers raise funds for Huron-Perth Lung Association

By Tara Brown

Six interior designers have taken the Chez Nous bed and breakfast at 244 Water St. in Stratford and turned it into the 1996 Home and Garden Designer Showcase.

"It's very exciting because it is Stratford's first showcase home," said Anita Looby, the fundraising/volunteer co-ordinator for the Huron-Perth Lung Association. "Each designer has chosen a room."

Among the rooms decorated are the dining room, which features an 18th century mahogany table and chairs, and the second guest room which contains a gold-leafed Campaign bed and an Empire-style chair.

The gardens have also been designed in a "classic European" style with the climax being a pool-turned-reflecting pond.

"It will be a great showcase for us and will bring people into Stratford," Looby said.

Designers for the house are: the dining room, Judy Preston of Judy Preston Interior Design Consultation; the porch, Shirley

Gordan, Peter Land and Wayne Ross of Land and Ross Antiques; the entrance hall, Diana Cubberley of In Your Manor; the kitchen, Lindsay Todd Reid of Lindsay's; the lady's office, Michelle R. Jackson of Raintree Design; the living room, Timothy M. St. Louis also of Raintree Design; the master bedroom, Brenda Biggin of Plus Fabrics in association with The Art Shoppe; the eastern guest room, Gail Kirnbauer, a student of the interior design program at Fanshawe College and a winner of the Interior Design Global Group Award 1994; the second guest room, James A. Walker of James Walker Interiors and the garden, Allan Watts and Jim Chapryk of Anything Grows.

Special events and seminars on home decorating and interior design, summer menu planning and historic area homes will also be held featuring prominent professionals in their respective fields.

The event runs from June 1-16, 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8, \$6 for seniors. For more information, please call the Lung Association at (519)271-7500.

By T.L. Huffman

Bingeman Park in Kitchener has a busy line-up for summer with a number of events scheduled for the month of June, says Scott Bridger, assistant manager of the park.

The park is bringing in a new game for the season called "Water Wars," with a grand opening scheduled for June 2. The event is being promoted as "Bingeman's newest attraction . . . douse your spouse, get even with Dad, get wet."

"It's a glorified water-balloon fight," said Bridger.

The game is played out in two buildings, one for each team. Team members use a large sling shot to shoot the balloons at the other team. A protective screen covers the front of the building so that players get wet, but don't actually get hit by the balloons.

Water Wars costs \$2.50 per basket which consists of approximately 20 balloons.

Scheduled for June 15 at the park is the Bingeman's and Burger King Cruise '96, one of the area's largest outdoor vintage car shows.

Fun in the sun

Bingeman Park offers variety of affordable summer activities

By T.L. Huffman

Bridger said he is expecting about 700 cars and old vehicles to be part of the all day event. The day will end with a barbecue and a live band for dancing. The dance will feature Bobby Crotola.

The admission cost for the car show is \$1 or a donation to the food bank.

Science North is also scheduled to be at Bingeman Park this summer for 10 days from June 17 to 27.

"Science North comes south" is a science exhibition from Sudbury which features about 100 hands-on exhibits, Bridger said. It is advertised as an educational experience which lets your senses go to work.

Northern animals, telescopes and other exhibits will be on display and Bridger said the event is one that appeals to all ages.

A number of schools have booked the daytime to visit the exhibit. Bridger said it will be open to the general public, June 21 to 23. Admission and parking for the event is free of charge.

Another inexpensive activity

scheduled at the park this summer is the Grand River Bass Derby. The family event, Bridger said, will be put on by the Optimist Club of Stanley Park on June 29 and 30.

For a \$6 fee, participants can enter the live-release derby. Fishing will take place anywhere on the Grand River, with weigh-ins and registration taking place at Bingeman Park.

The park will also be home to an awards ceremony with prizes such as a boat, motor and trailer.

A birthday bash is another big event at Bingeman Park this summer as the park turns 37. The bash is scheduled for July 18, and a number of activities are on the agenda, said Bridger.

The day will include 37 cent menu items, and super passes as low as 37 cents when a regular priced pass is bought. The event is being advertised as lots of fun for the whole family.

For more information about activities at Bingeman Park call 744-1555. The park is located at 1380 Victoria St. N.

ECE students plan careers in Australia

By Bruce Manion

For two early childhood education graduates, the lack of full-time day care jobs in southern Ontario hasn't been a discouragement. Instead, Connie Leis, 21, and Kristen Wismer, 20, have decided to look elsewhere for work, and have set their sights on the land Down Under.

And so, this October, the two Conestoga students, who are both completing their work terms this summer, have planned to leave for Manly, Australia in October.

"Manly is a small tourist town about 20 minutes away from Sydney by ferry. It has lots of attractions, like nude beaches, and it shouldn't be hard for two Canadian women to find jobs there as either a mother's attendant or a waitress," said Wismer.

The students originally got the idea from AU-PAIR, an administration and referral service for childcare in Europe and abroad. But the two decided not to enlist with the organization, due to the up to one-year wait and the \$260 registration fee.

After talking with Kristen's father, who has business contacts in Manly, Connie and Kristen

had decided where to go.

Now, the two receive newspapers from Australia, and they maintain the job outlook is very good, according to the classified ads.

For the summer, the two plan to work and save the \$2,300 required for the flight and lodging. Currently, both Leis and Wismer work with a four-year-old autistic child while finishing their work term at a day care.

"There are always a lot of jobs working with special needs children. In Australia, the teacher's college is much more accessible than in Ontario, so hopefully I can combine my skills and become a teacher over there and work with children with special needs," said Leis.

The trip is nowhere near finalized, said Leis, but both their minds are set. They have a place to stay once in Manly, but still need to acquire passports and work permits, which they plan to get after they've finished their work terms.

Although Leis and Wismer are the best of friends, they both agreed that if one could not go to Australia for some reason, the other would have no hesitation to go alone.



FLOWER POWER — Becky Peckover, 6, takes time to smell some tulips in Cambridge. (Photo by Alison Dempsey)

Alumni survey yields fund-raiser

By Paul Tuns

Wayne Hussey, executive director of development and community relations, is happy with the progress of what he says amounts to an experimental fund-raiser for the college.

The adopt-a-tree program, implemented this spring and designed to illicit financial support from alumni, is the result of administration's communication with alumni. Hussey said the college asked alumni for a reasonable way to receive annual support, the alumni responded with three criteria for gift-giving.

First, the college must ask for a reasonable sum of money, about \$50, from an individual.

Secondly, alumni said they did not feel close enough to the college while they were here and would like the fund-raiser to connect them with Conestoga.

Hussey said the reasons so few

people felt a strong connection with the college includes the fact that many are mature students who return to upgrade skills — they are focused on education, and until recently with the development of Rodeway Suites as a residence, few students lived near the college.

Hussey said the adopt-a-tree program will allow alumni to be remembered.

Lastly, many students are proud of the beautiful campus and the adopt-a-tree program reinforces that idea. It will also enhance the environment and appreciation for it, Hussey said.

The money raised will go to fund scholarships and buy equipment, he said, usually in the program the alumni graduated from.

Alumni have the option to direct their donation to other programs, but if similar fund-raisers at other post-secondary institutions are any indica-

tion, about 90 per cent of alumni will contribute to their former program.

Hussey also said the fund-raiser is an excellent opportunity to test the alumni data base which, he said, has been neglected in recent years.

Hussey said the trees will be marked by an environmentally friendly, licence-plate sized aluminium plaque, which will display the alumni's names. He said the college is looking into the possibility of setting up a path around the pond near Highway 401. A group from the University of Guelph will study the environmental feasibility of a path and the college must consider its financial implications. Hussey said there are 1,000 trees in that area.

Hussey said the woodlots surrounding the day-care centre and student-client building will not be used because of the environmental sensitivity of the area.

International visa student finds Canadian life rewarding

By Linda Reilly

Nilesh Masih, 29, from India, came to Canada as an international visa student, to get a general business diploma at Conestoga College. He has been here a year and a half now and when he's finished the program, he plans to go back to India and get a good job.

Masih already has his master's degree in India, but with an additional foreign diploma, he can get a good job back home. "Employers in India like foreign business courses," he said.

He used to be a sales representative in India, where he could either work for straight commission or for a fixed salary and commission. He was paid a fixed salary plus commission.

Masih said it was not easy to sell in India. "You have to do a lot of travelling and talk to people and it is really hard to sell," he said.

His Aunt Massey was working

as a missionary in India and had taken a few courses at the Guelph campus of Conestoga College and put him in touch with the Doon campus. The rest



Nilesh Masih is an international visa student in business communications. (Photo by Linda Reilly)

is history.

Masih is presently enrolled in Business Communications at Waterloo campus for the summer and works weekends at the

Conestoga campus in security. When asked in an interview on May 12 how he liked Conestoga College, he said, "pretty good; better than most and Conestoga is particularly helpful."

In India Masih spent a lot of his spare time with family and friends watching television. Family and friends spend a great deal of time watching television, especially on weekends because movies are on. "Most movies are in native Hindi language," he said. "When a movie like Jurassic Park comes on, it is usually dubbed in Hindi."

Masih plays chess and badminton at home and also plays badminton in Cambridge every Friday night.

He likes to watch hockey and tennis, and has made friends in his adopted country. He has become adjusted to Canadian customs, but the only problem he has had is with English. He is coming along very well in that area too.

No fishing allowed in Conestoga pond

By Eric Whitfield

It's getting to be that time of the year when the fishing rods come out of the basement, worms are dug up from the garden and the fish are just beginning to bite into a nice juicy nightcrawler.

There are many places to fish in Ontario, but the pond at Conestoga College is not one. Believe it or not, the no-fishing signs are surrounding the pond (well, right now are in the pond) for a reason. The pond is stocked with bass says Bob Gilberds of campus security.

If you are wondering why the school would stock the pond then not let the general student body fish there, it is because the fish are only for fishing classes. In April the school offers a fly-fishing course and in June, a bass-fishing seminar is offered. The seminar teaches fish stocking techniques, although this year the seminar has been cancelled, said Susana Pellizzari of campus administration.

Why not just go to another fishing spot? This is probably what you will have to do, but some people think that fishing should be allowed. They feel the school is wrong to ban fishing in the pond.

Cheryl Jack, a third-year marketing student, said as long as there are precautions, fishing should be allowed.

Some people agreed with the school, saying fishing should be off limits.

Mary Ellen, a student transferring into the nursing program, jokingly said she was angry she couldn't fish in the pond, but then said if the bass are being used for study, then people shouldn't be allowed to fish there.

Leona Murphy, a first-semester nursing student, agreed with Ellen, saying if they are there as a teaching tool, then people shouldn't be allowed to fish there.

Lisa Snow, a first-year nursing student, said if people did fish there, the stock would run out in about a month. She said, "There's other places to fish. Leave those alone!"

Andrew Crichton, a Conestoga College student, agreed with Jack that there should be fishing but with restrictions. He said only barbless hooks should be used and it should be catch-and-release fishing. This way the fish would not get seriously hurt and the fish population would remain the same.

Carla Schwartz, a first-year nursing student, said you should be able to fish if you really want to. It shouldn't be banned.

Gilberds said security has had to ask people to stop fishing in the past. The signs have been erected to make sure fishing is not a problem in the future.

Unless you plan to take the next fishing class at the school you will have to do your fishing elsewhere. The fishing at the school will be left for the ducks.

Guelph bike drive helps people in need

By Diana Loveless

The wet and the cold did little to dampen the spirit of giving in Guelph May 11.

Over 600 bicycles were donated to Pedals for People, a community-based project designed to provide transportation for low-income families in the Willow Road neighborhood in Guelph.

A joint venture between the Guelph Community Health Centre, Guelph 2000 and Onward Willow, Pedals for People far exceeded the expectations of its organizers.

"By 7:45 a.m., we had reached our quota of 50 bikes," said Evan Ferrari of Guelph 2000, an environmental group.

The goal of this pilot project, funded by Participation Canada and Onward Willow, is to provide a free, environmentally friendly, healthy and reliable mode of transportation for people in need.

"I'm sure there are people all across the city who would love to have a bike and might not be able to afford it right now," said Mike Dupuis of the Guelph



Barb McPhee is surrounded by bikes that were donated to Pedals for People in Guelph, May 11. There were 600 bikes donated for the event.

(Photo by Diana Loveless)

Community Health Centre.

This year, Pedals for People is focusing on a specific neighborhood. Next year it could be expanded to include all areas of the city, said project co-ordinator Barb McPhee of Onward Willow.

Bicycles will be provided free of charge to members of the community under the condition that they participate in a bicycle safety course run by the Guelph police.

"They have to take the safety course or else we won't give them the bike," Dupuis said.

The organizers are also looking for volunteers who can repair the donated bikes and teach other people repair and maintenance techniques.

"We'll have to have someone from a bike shop inspect the bikes to make sure they're road-worthy and point out repairs that need to be made," Dupuis said. "It's very important to us that the bicycles are safe."

Dupuis will continue to talk to local businesses to raise money and provide funding for such things as helmets and bicycle parts.

Unemployment among students at a high

By Sean S. Finlay

Students who cannot find work this summer need not feel alone. The unemployment rate for students this year is higher than last, according to Statistics Canada, and it is expected to increase slowly through the summer.

The rate of unemployment for students is double the national unemployment rate of 9.4 per cent. Ontario's overall rate in April was nine per cent, up a point from March.

The overall unemployment rate in Waterloo Region improved this month. The rate was 7.7 per cent in April, down from 8.2 per cent in March.

The Canadian Employment Centre said the unemployment rate for students is high because the economy is at a trouble point

with everyone cutting costs.

Kris Gordon, co-ordinator with the City of Kitchener's Parks and Recreation, said they had more than 100 positions to fill this summer, but not enough money to fill them all.

Businesses that could afford to hire students this summer joined forces last week with the Canadian Employment Centre (CEC) to set up a job fair at Kitchener's Market Square.

The job fair, which was sponsored by the CEC and Market Square, exhibited employers from area private-sector companies, volunteer groups and even a few government-run agencies. The week-long fair offered many jobs from waiter positions to bookkeeping to archery instructors.

Job seekers at the fair were mostly high school students, and

some were looking for work to help pay for university or college in the fall.

As one observer pointed out, there were more volunteer groups looking for help than businesses offering paying jobs.

Most of the volunteer jobs offered were for help assisting disabled children at camps or at events held during the summer season.

The restaurant, Golden Gridle, had five positions to fill. Within one hour, just over 100 resumes and applications were handed in for the minimum-wage jobs.

The CEC student program is run only in the summer and is located at 29 King St. E.

Since the program started, almost two weeks ago, 70 full- and part-time positions were up for grabs.

Off-season accommodations

Cheap summer rent part myth, part fact

By Jason Seeds

Students looking for cheap summer rent around Conestoga College will have to look long and hard.

Often they think landlords are desperate to unload a room or apartment for the summer months. While this may be true for a lucky few, this is not usually the case for the majority.

"Turnovers are terrible for the units. They have to be redecorated before new people move in, and damage during moving is inevitable," said Wendy Hallman, president of Hallman Property Management. "It's not worth it to let them go for cheaper."

Hallman manages 1,500 apartments in Kitchener-Waterloo, and another 1,500 throughout southern Ontario.

One of the apartment complexes they manage is located near Conestoga College on Old Carriage Drive beside the Pioneer Park shopping plaza. Even though many Conestoga students live there, as of May 1, there are only four or five empty units.

Student Services faculty member Myrna Nicholas, helps keep the housing registry up-to-date for Conestoga students.

"We don't get a lot in the summer," she said. "If we do, it is usually new landlords looking to rent in the fall."

Nicholas said summer deals almost never come across her desk.

"Rent is almost always the

same price for the summer, if they rent for the summer at all."

Many of the accommodations in the area are in the basement of a family's home, and they need the space in the summer.

Nicholas said many have children of their own who come home for the summer, or the owners travel in the summer and aren't interested in leaving students with control of their home.

Usually students have to sign a one-year lease to live in highrise apartments such as the Hallman apartments, which helps keeps summer occupancy high. But for smaller renters, there is almost never a lease.

Roberta Giet, 98 Doon Valley Dr., has two rooms available for the summer. Giet has already rented two.

"It's supply and demand basically," she said. There are also less costs involved she said. Heating is much less, and so is electricity.

She started renting in September 1995, a few months after she bought the home.

Throughout the school year, Giet charges \$325 per room. In the summer, rent drops to \$285, which over four months is a savings of \$160 to the student.

"To tell you the truth, one of the reasons I charge less is because one of the guys I have downstairs talked me into it," she said.

Maybe that's the key to cheap summer rent.

Business remains the same

Later closings not helping bars

By Scott Nixon

After all the hoopla and buildup surrounding the Harris government's decision to allow Ontario bars to stay open until 2 a.m., business in bars appears to remain unchanged.

Norm Gervais, a waiter at Howl at the Moon on King Street, says there has been no noticeable increase in business because of the later closing time.

Instead of drinking for an extra hour, Gervais has noticed that most customers appear to stop drinking at about 1 a.m. and sober up before they leave at 2 a.m. For this reason, Gervais said he believes cases of drunk driving might actually decrease under the new closing time.

Gervais said it doesn't bother him to serve alcohol until 2 a.m.; most waiters have to work an hour or two after closing time anyway, so they're used to working well after 2 a.m.

In fact, Gervais said bars should be allowed to stay open even later because it would benefit the employees.

Some bars, including the Edelweiss Sports Bar Tavern in Kitchener, are continuing to close at 1 a.m. Owner Lorne Miller doesn't feel staying open an hour later would help his business.

"I think it's great for Toronto and border cities, but it's not necessary in Kitchener," he said.

Only if there is a late hockey or baseball game will the Edelweiss stay open late, Miller said.

Miller's reason for not staying open until 2 a.m. is simple; he said he believes 1 a.m. is late enough. People should get home to their families after that, he said.

Miller also feels staying open late wouldn't be fair to his employees.

"My employees work hard enough as it is," he said.

Disagreeing with Gervais, Miller believes staying open an extra hour wouldn't make his employees much more money and it would just be too much work for them.

Miller also said he believes a later closing in his bar could result in more rowdiness, something Gervais noticed during Howl at the Moon's first night open late.



Graham Day, manager of the Black's Photography store at Waterloo Town Square, holds one of the new APS Cameras

(Photo by Judith Hemming)

Point-and-shoot now even easier

By Judith Hemming

One of the most exciting aspects of the new photo technology is that the system means no more lost negatives, says Graham Day, manager of the Black's Photography store at Waterloo Town Square. Also gone are the days of not being able to load film properly.

Knowledge of lighting isn't necessary, either. The developers of the new Advanced Photo System (APS) have solved the major problems customers were having with their cameras, said Day.

The system was developed jointly by Canon, Fuji, Kodak, Minolta and Nikon and launched worldwide on April 22.

APS photographers never see the film. Once a roll of film has been shot and processed, the film is loaded back into the film cartridge and coded.

Customers also receive a thumbnail print sheet that contains each image printed in miniature.

This sheet helps customers

choose reprints without looking at negatives.

Loading has been simplified and the new camera helps solve lighting problems. A magnetic strip on the film itself records information about difficult lighting situations so the processing machine can compensate.

"Traditionally, on a one-hour machine, a good printer could make or break your pictures. Now that is no longer the case. You're pretty well guaranteed very good results every time."

On the advanced models, the magnetic strip can encode the date the photo was taken, a caption by the photographer and the number of prints the photographer would like from the film.

Users of an APS camera can choose three different print sizes for their prints, classic (16.7 by 23.4 mm), panoramic (9.6 by 30.2 mm) or high definition (16.7 by 30.2 mm).

The photographer chooses the size of the print he or she wants for each separate shot.

The film, however, records the

information needed for all three formats, which allows the photographer to choose different picture sizes for subsequent prints.

There is a flat processing fee plus a charge per print. The cost is about 20 per cent more than for 35-mm film, said Day.

Day said the new technology does not replace the Single Lens Reflex (SLR) camera. "I'm not getting rid of my 35-mm camera." Also, he said he doesn't think it will take over for SLR cameras in the future, as SLRs still allow professional photographers flexibility and control over the images they produce.

In this area, APS cameras are also sold at Heer's, Hiway Camera, Photomaster and Bent's. Prices range from \$70 to \$800.

Breastfest aims at shock value

By Diana Loveless

The name may shock some people. But what is really important is the cause behind the name.

Breastfest, a concert organized by Toronto radio station 102.1 "The Edge" to raise funds for breast cancer research, has raised a few eyebrows.

The initial controversy surrounding the name worked for the event and the cause by raising awareness about it.

"To cut through the clutter you have to be a bit shocking sometimes," said Phil Evans, promotions director at 102.1. "While the name Breastfest is a bit shocking, in the grand scheme of things it's not really what matters to us."

To pique interest, and perhaps a bit of controversy, said Evans, the radio station initially advertised Breastfest without mentioning the cause behind it.

The station received some negative responses, from male and female listeners, but the controversy died down when full details of the concert were released.

"The only women's groups we've had calls from are breast cancer awareness groups which want to get involved in the cause," Evans said.

The Canadian Cancer Society is thrilled to have this fundraising event staged on its

behalf and does not have a problem with the name.

"We couldn't be more pleased," said Carol Jamieson, manager of communications for the Canadian Cancer Society in Ontario.

Traditionally, she said, breast cancer fundraising efforts are geared toward older women, but this event will help to promote awareness in younger women and that is encouraging.

A licensed and all-ages event, Breastfest features Love and Rockets, Tripping Daisy, Tracy Bonham, James Hall, the Nixons and Holly McFarland at the Concert Hall in Toronto May 29. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the first band starting at 6:50 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (416) 870-8000.

All proceeds from the concert will go to the Canadian Cancer Society and will be designated specifically for the Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative.

The idea for the concert came from San Francisco where 102.1 program director Stewart Meyers saw a poster for Breastfest, a blues festival to raise money for breast cancer research.

Breast cancer affects one in nine Canadian women and is the most frequently diagnosed cancer. 17,000 women will be diagnosed this year.

Members added to Waterloo Hall of Fame

By Barbara Walden

Six area residents were inducted into the Waterloo County Hall of Fame at Doon Heritage Crossroads on a sunny Mother's Day afternoon May 12.

Milton R. Good of Kitchener, a retired president and general manager of H. Boehmer and Co., has spent most of his life involved in community service, most notably with Conrad Grebel College, Fairview Mennonite Home and Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. In 1974, he established the charitable Good Foundation.

In accepting his nomination, Good said he believes life generates its own rewards without the need for public awareness.

A. Carl Rieder, an architect, won national and international

acclaim for his design of Kitchener's Centre in the Square and was a major contributor to the development of the K-W Art Gallery. As a founding member of the Waterloo County Hall of Fame, Rieder designed the hall at Doon Heritage Crossroads. Rieder said he was completely surprised at receiving a nomination to the hall, noting he thought inductees had to have "gone to their great reward" to get in, but joked that "they appear to be accepting old men like myself in recent years."

Benita Rope began coaching gymnastics in 1960, and in 1972 formed the Cambridge Kips Gymnastic Club. She coached Canada's 1968 team in the Commonwealth Games, and the 1980 Olympic entry, in addition to many international meets Under

her leadership, a premier gymnastic training centre opened in Cambridge in 1980. Rope's daughter, Patricia Portis, a former Olympic gymnast, is a previous inductee.

Grace Schmidt, a retired librarian, after whom the Kitchener Public Library named its historical reference room, has been called a "walking encyclopedia" because of her vast historical knowledge. She has served as a volunteer on many heritage groups, in addition to the Red Cross and the United Church.

James (Jim) Grant Schoenfeld had a 13-year NHL career with the Buffalo Sabres, Detroit Red Wings and Boston Bruins, playing in 719 league games. Schoenfeld is now coaching the Washington Capitals and lives in Maryland with his wife, Theresa and their four children.

George Erskine Duff Wilson was a 1929 graduate in medicine from the University of Toronto and former medical officer of health for Kitchener, from 1965 to 1971. Wilson, who died in 1993, was a historian for Ayr, president of the Ayr Horticultural Society, served on North Dumfries council in 1973-75, and was Ayr's 1979 Citizen of the Year.

Kathryn Lamb of the hall's board of governors, said the group selects six to eight inductees each year.

"We'll never run out to choose from," she said.



A. Carl Rieder (left), Grace Schmidt and Milton Good are among the 1996 inductees to the Waterloo County Hall of Fame.

(Photo by Barbara Walden)

K-W road cleanup program looks for willing volunteers

By Doug Coxson

Waterloo Region's "Adopt-a-Road" program is urging people to volunteer to clean up roads outside of the city's limits after budget cuts have eliminated regular roadside debris pickups.

The program, started by the Ministry of Transportation in response to the growing piles of roadside debris, encourages non-profit, volunteer groups to take the initiative in helping to keep the local environment clean and aesthetically pleasing.

The success of the program over the past two years, with approximately 40 volunteer groups taking part, has helped collect over 700 bags of litter as well as recyclable items such as tires and bottles.

Recycling is an essential part of the environmentally friendly "Adopt a Road" program and groups are urged to recycle as many of their findings as possible.

Program Co-ordinator Penny Evans said groups including anyone from family members to the Lion's Club to Church

groups are already taking part in the cleanup and she hopes more will become involved this summer.

There is incentive to any group's involvement since signs are put up along stretches of regional road declaring the group's participation in the program.

"It's a little bit of advertising for the volunteer groups who take the time to help clean up the mess," said Evans.

The groups are required to "adopt" a minimum of two kilometres of regional road to be cleaned up twice during a one-year period, usually done in the spring and early fall.

The build-up of garbage along the roads over the winter makes a spring clean up very necessary said Evans.

The stretch of road is chosen by the group who must complete an application form which is available from the Transportation Operations Division at the Region of Waterloo's office on Frederick Street in Kitchener.

Contact Penny Evans at 650-8201 for more information.

Entertaining display of beauty and power

Motorama features assortment of autos

By Amy Wroblewski

K-W Motorama has been called the finest car show in southwestern Ontario and with good reason.

The show featured vintage automobiles from every era, along with an assortment of unusual customized cars.

The event was held at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Complex from May 10-12. About 3,000 people came out to see Motorama 1996, which was hosted by the Highwayman Car Club, who are celebrating their 35th anniversary this year.

The highlight of the autoshow (other than the cars) were appearances by former Maple Leaf stars and members of the Bell All-Time Leaf team, Darryl Sittler and Johnny Bower, who signed autographs and talked to the crowd.

Also featured in the show were a variety of events and attractions, including daily visits from two of the Sunshine Girls posing to the delight of the crowd.



A mint-condition 1967 Corvette Stingray, was one of the automobiles featured in the K-W Motorama held May 10-12 at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Complex.

(Photo by Amy Wroblewski)

There were also hydraulic lowrider shows and slot car racing where the public could test its racing talent.

For the kids, there was the Clown Troupe, who created bal-

loon animals and painted faces in the afternoons.

The Hat and Wand Magic Club was also there entertaining children with tricks and illusions.

Kids could also try their hand

at driving a simulated transport truck at Markel's "Hands On" truck.

In addition, Saturday night was the Highwayman Car Club's '50s and '60s dance.

Plenty of vendors were on hand, willing to talk to the public and sell their wares.

Peddlers displayed novelty items such as t-shirts and automotive stickers while other merchants sold high performance auto parts and accessories.

For those caught up in the spirit of vintage autos or rare sportscars, Ebytowne Motors displayed cars such as Porsches, Corvettes and Ferraris, all of which were for sale.

Jim Barry won the People's Choice Award for his 1946 Hudson pick-up truck.

Major sponsors of K-W Motorama 1996 included Bridgestone/Firestone, Xerox and local radio stations. Additional sponsors were Labatt's, Suncor and the Valhalla Inn.

Motorama 1996 was organized to raise money for the Big Sisters of K-W area and the Learning Disabilities Association of K-W.

Admission to Motorama was \$7.50 for adults and children under 12 were admitted free.

1968 Mustang is brute beauty

By Jason Witzell

Amidst the glistening chrome and paint smoother than glass, there was one car that stood apart from the rest on display at Motorama. The event took place at the K-W Memorial Auditorium Complex, May 10-12.

A 1968 Ford Mustang GT Fastback, powered by a 290 horse power, 390 cubic inch big block V8 was in a class of its own. This car is one of a kind, not because of a wild paint job or polished chrome goodies underneath the hood. It's unique because it has been completely restored right down to the nuts and bolts, literally.

Full length mirrors were placed underneath the car, showing a completely restored undercarriage, that made spectators stop in their tracks.

Ed and Peggy Sargent of New-

market, Ont., the proud owners of this pony, purchased the car from California in 1991, for \$4,800. "It was a rust free California car, but it was in pretty rough shape," said Sargent.

The restoration process began with the gathering of parts and saving money over a period of three years.

The Sargents poured over restoration books, getting the proper stamping and serial numbers of the parts they needed. When they were finished, they had 26 pages of parts that needed to be ordered, said Peggy Sargent.

With the help of many people, the parts were purchased from the United States. Even the staples on the rad hoses, u-bolts on the drive shaft and the clamps that hold the tail pipes are original.

The details are so precise and

accurate that even the name of the man, Adam, who checked and okayed the paint, is printed in the same color and place it was 28 years ago when it rolled off of the assembly line.

A small two-man mechanic shop in Newmarket put everything together and after two years and \$50,000, the car made its debut.

In 1995 it was entered into one of Toronto's biggest car shows, Performance World, where it won numerous awards and was chosen as one of the best 15 cars out of about 450 that were entered.

The Sargents aren't planning on entering any contests this summer.

Observing Sargent talk about the car, the enthusiasm and the twinkle in his eyes wrap you up in it. A better word to describe why he does it is passion.

The details are so precise and

Volcano honors mom with concert and art

By Johanna Neufeld

Moms were honored many ways May 12, but the Volcano had its own tribute. Local artists put on an evening of music, art and dancing at the "For Mothers Sake" coffee house.

Lisa Morgan, co-owner of the Volcano and mother to one-year-old son Jordan, decided to pay homage to mothers with a special evening of entertainment. Deanna Knight of Balloon-a-Toons also helped with the event.

Said Morgan, in a K-W Record interview, it's difficult being a mother and co-owner. She found she had to cut back her shifts at the nightspot to spend more time with her son.

The doors opened about 8 p.m. and admission to the all-ages show was \$5. All proceeds from the family event were donated to Anselma House, a shelter in Kitchener for battered women and children.

Singer Noni Crete said, one dollar from every one of her compact discs sold that night would be given to women's organizations.

Tracy Whalen was master of ceremonies and Deanna Knight opened the show with several acapella tunes before switching to a few jazz numbers.

Whalen invited the crowd to view the art collection displayed in the

next room, especially the International Women's Week Community Quilt, made last year in St. Jacobs.

Artists Sheila Trinkaus, Jodi Koberinski, Mary Lou Emmerich, Rula, Jennifer Francoeur, Shari Lee, Alan Reimer and others showed their paintings and photographs of women.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Gwen Swick Band and Danny Michel, Wendy Davis, Mary Anne Epp, Crete and Jude Vadala, formerly of the Bird Sisters.

Local writer Erina Harris recited her poem, Momma, as well as many other works.

The Sacred Circle Dancers performed several dances highlighting the different stages of a woman's life.

Issues of violence, personal choice, growth and sexuality were often highlighted in the wide range of songs and poems heard that evening.



Deanna Knight sang at the Volcano May 12, as part of a Mother's Day fund-raiser for Anselma House.

(Photo by T.L. Huffman)

Kids, time to start your engines

By Kevin Hansen

Drag racing is alive and well in Canada, so alive and well in fact, that kids can get involved quite easily. The Junior Drag Racing division of the National Hot Rod Association, gives youths ages 8 to 17 the chance to race like the big boys.

Jeff Roth, 14, of Waterloo has been racing his dragster "Proudly Canadian" for almost two years with his father Jim. Jeff had been involved in go-kart racing earlier, but when that became too dangerous, he made the decision to switch to drag racing which is safer.

Jeff Roth said in go-kart racing there was traffic involved which can be dangerous. Also, there were no roll bars, seatbelts or other safety equipment. In contrast, the junior dragsters have full roll cages and a five-point

harness seatbelt.

Jim Roth acts as crew chief on the team and takes care of maintenance on the car while at races. Jim Roth said maintenance on the car takes about eight hours a week including tearing the car down and checking that everything is tight and clean.

For those people looking for an inexpensive new sport to explore, steer clear of Junior Drag Racing.

"Depending on what you want to do, you can get into it from \$3,000 and up. That would get you a running car and the necessities to maintain that car," Jim Roth said.

Jeff Roth has put in about \$3,000 for his car personally, while his sponsors, Wayco Multi-lift Inc., J-Mack Forklift and AMPM Racing have collectively donated nearly \$45,000.

All of this money goes towards

parts and maintenance for the car.

Racing these cars is done on the same dragstrips as large-scale dragsters race on, except the junior dragsters run for only an eighth of a mile instead of a quarter mile. Speeds average about 65 miles per hour and it takes the cars 11 seconds to cover the distance.

There is a handicapping system in place to ensure a fair race no matter who is racing. A car with five horsepower, which will cover the distance in 16 seconds, has a chance to beat a car with a 30 horsepower, engine which is capable of an eight second run.

"It is another form of racing that you can get kids interested in, making them learn some realities of life. You have to work to get things in life. There's a lot of teamwork and fellowship involved," said Jim Roth.



ONWARD MEN - Members of the Equinox Adventure participate in rescue training sessions in the Elora Gorge Sunday. People from across the county took part in events.

(Photo by Deborah Everest-Hill)

Celebration of barber-shop music

By Tara Brown

Barber-shop music, that brand of harmonizing that conjures up images of men in striped shirts and handle-bar mustaches, celebrated its 50th birthday in the area when the Twin City Harmonizers came to the Humanities Theatre in Waterloo on Friday, May 10.

Some 60 men, dressed in red, black and white t-shirts entertained an enthusiastic audience for well over two hours in a performance that spanned 50 years of music. Two guest quartets, By Design and the Kingpins, also

lent their voices, and showmanship, to the evening.

Even a novice in this brand of vocal collaboration would find the quick pace of the songs, their familiar words and tunes delivered with a vaudevillian flair, very engaging. Music selections ranged from the post-war swing era of Duke Ellington to Dame Vera Lynn to a sprightly rendition of Georgia On My Mind.

The songs themselves, while essentially familiar in both word and tune, sounded very different when the Twin City Harmonizers put their spin on it. Without accompaniment of any kind, the

tunes were rich and full of expression. The choreographed antics of the chorus members also lent themselves well to the evening and added a spirit of old-fashioned fun.

Neil Aitchison hosted the event and kept the pace of the night on an enjoyable, entertaining, and even, keel. It is always a mark in the entertainer's favor when it is obvious he enjoys what he does. The audience was able to see the pleasure on the faces of these men as they sang; it seemed genuine and drew their audience in a way that music alone cannot.

Mrs. Robinson's greets new vocalist

By Diane Santos

Mrs. Robinson's Bar played host to an up-and-coming new music sensation named Arlene Marie Bishop, May 10.

Bishop's new compact disc, entitled *Pinky*, was the main focus of her performance at Mrs. Robinson's, where she swayed the small crowd. Promoting her compact disc every chance she got, Bishop began her performance with an upbeat song and weaved songs from her compact disc into her set, balancing her new releases with cover songs and previous songs she had written.

After her opening song, Bishop said she was raised as a good Catholic girl; she told the crowd her song, *Cherry Moon*, tells a couple of Catholic stories. In Bishop's press package, she says the song is symbolic of a small-town bimbo who is cruelly flattened.

According to the press package, Bishop was born on a small Indian reservation in Churchill, Man., and raised in Ottawa. Although she secretly began writing songs when she was eight years old, she never played before an audience, until her musician boyfriend died in his sleep beside her.

Her songs seem to tell a story.

Whether they are tragic or illuminating and upbeat, Bishop's songs can touch just about everyone.

A cross between Jann Arden and Alanis Morrisette, Bishop is climbing to the top and making a place of her own. Although she has similar qualities to Arden and Morrisette, there is something that distinguishes her from these other Canadians.

It may be the tragedies in her life, or the constant comedic performance between songs, or the smirk she wears fondly while performing. But one thing remains, Bishop is a talented musician who can hold a note with the best of them.

Bishop has opened for many of Canada's musicians, including the Barenaked Ladies. With her cross of alternative-modern rock, she has successfully managed to headline her own gigs.

Backed by band members Maury Lefoy (base guitar), Glen Martin (drums) and former member of the Jitters, Blair Packham she humored the crowd at Mrs. Robinson's with her cynicism and sarcastic wit. Between songs she would make-up a commercial for her compact disc.

The disc sold for \$8, and Packham called it filling and delicious.

Youth hockey starts for another summer

By Jason Romanko

As another summer rolls in, so does another season of the youth hockey league at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

The Conestoga Youth Hockey League has been around since 1984. The league provides summer hockey on the weekends (excluding long-weekends) from April 19 to Aug. 24 for those aged 8-15.

There are over 510 players and 30 teams enrolled in the league, among four divisions. Registered among the 510 players are about 15 girl players. Ages 7-9 is the novice division, 10-11 for the atom division, 12-13 for the peewee division and 14-15 for the bantam division.

The players have varied backgrounds in hockey with some players coming from house

league all the way up to triple A. Matt Code, league convenor, said the players are placed on a team by experience to try to make the teams as even as possible.

"After about four games, we (team coaches) hold a draft for each division in order to try and even up the teams," Code said.

All team coaches volunteered with no prerequisites needed to qualify for the job. Code said the league is full to its maximum potential for players as it is a first come first serve basis. As of May 11, the league division leader for novice was the Red Wings, for atoms, the Oilers, for peewee, the Lightning and for bantam, the Rangers.

League action resumes on Friday, May 24, for the bantams, followed by novice, peewee and bantam divisions on May 25.



ROUGH ROAD AHEAD - A mock car-crash was set up in front of Waterloo Region police headquarters as part of police week held May 13-16.

(Photo by Janet White)

On Higher Ground: whole is better than its parts

By Paul Tuns

William Gairdner, a businessman, Olympic athlete and best-selling author, has published a collection of his Edmonton Journal columns. It is with excitement that one buys this book, *On Higher Ground: Reclaiming a Civil Society*, the fourth since *The Trouble With Canada* six years ago.

But reading the columns, one by one, is frustrating. A column does not allow the writer to fully develop ideas, as it is usually limited to about 500 words.

An author necessarily must make assumptions, leaps of logic, and fail to fully articulate what he means to say because of the limitations of space.

After reading the entire book, however, one notices a calling to social conservatives concerned about the decay of society.

Although he is concerned about the burdens of government regulation, plunderous taxation and growing deficits, the real problems are moral. In fact the previous problems are a result of the lack of moral courage of individual citizens: they

are willing to usurp freedom for security.

There are several columns that can stand alone. "Condomnation" and "More Truth About Condoms" reveal facts about condom usage that should scare parents and condom users, including the size of the inherent defects in condoms are 50 to 700 times larger than the HIV molecule.

He talks about things that will make people uncomfortable. He argues against homosexual rights saying they improperly confuse and break down gender

roles. He points out the ridiculous notion that gun control will end crime — nearly 100 more people died from stabbings than gunshots.

There are touches of humor and they are used wonderfully to make important points like this: Canada has two unregistered parties that wield disproportionate and improper power — the Media Party and the Court Party.

He illustrates with anecdotes from ordinary citizens, legitimizes with quotes from professionals and, unfortunately, rants like a zealot.

A case in point is a piece on the "street of the dead fetuses".

Despite the occasional rant and, more often, the repeated use of tired right-wing cliches (all taxation is theft), Gairdner successfully illustrates how Canada is sitting on the precipice of an abyss.

He offers scant suggestions on how to back away from the moral wasteland, aside from a religious awakening. But identifying the disease is often the most important step to recovery and Gairdner does that nicely, even presciently. ★★★★